

ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

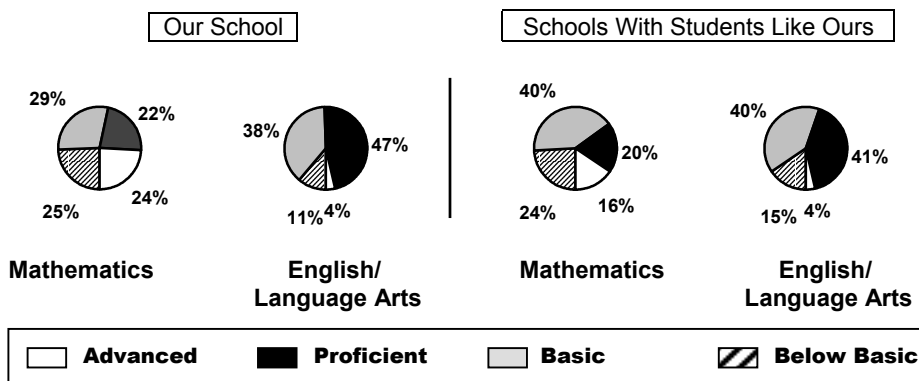
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 63.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=277)	88.8	75.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=11)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=266)	89.8	76.3		
Gender				
Male (n=131)	87.8	78.6		
Female (n=146)	89.7	72.6		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=133)	79.7	60.2		
Hispanic (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=133)	98.5	91.7		
Other (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=96)	77.1	58.3		
Pay for lunch (n=181)	95	84.5		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,191	N/A	\$5,112	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.5%	Down from 92.7%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.9 to 1	N/A	20 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=592)				
• Attendance Rate	96.5%	Down from 96.6%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	83%	Up from 70.8%	95.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 2.8%	2.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=48)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Up from 6.2	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.1%	Down from 96.7%	95.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.3%	Down from 68.1%	53.7%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	91.7%	Down from 93.6%	86.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 2.1%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.3%	Down from 88.6%	87.9%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,859	Up 2.0%	\$38,859	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	71.7%	N/A	65.8%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1.5	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	93.4%	N/A	98.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	28%	Up from 25.5%	33.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.2%	0.8%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	36%	Down from 43.8%	19.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Down from 7.5%	7.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Forest Lake Elementary School—"Where Eagles Soar." Our motto describes our attitude towards your child's education. We don't meet standards, we exceed them. We don't want children merely to pass, we want them to excel. We are committed at all levels to provide the absolute best learning environment for every child who attends Forest Lake.

Excellence begins in the classroom, and our teachers are prepared for the task. Angela Powers, our music program director, was honored as the 2000-01 Richland District Two Teacher of the Year. Nine of our teachers are currently attaining National Board Certification. Additionally, veteran teachers are assigned as mentors to all new teachers. Forest Lake Elementary students consistently meet or exceed the district and statewide average on all standardized tests. The Math Superstar Program, Reading Renaissance, and Accelerated Reader and Math programs are used across grade levels to enhance student learning.

Forest Lake's commitment to learning extends beyond the basics. The leaders of tomorrow must begin learning today, and we want to expose our students to the latest in technology, communications, and culture. Forest Lake has full-time music and art programs as well as a comprehensive computer lab. We have recently been awarded a technology grant to implement a publishing and writing center. Spanish instruction is available for grades K-5.

We are committed to making Forest Lake a safe place for children to learn. We have a full-time School Resource Officer from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Telephones are installed in every classroom, and we have portable radios for rapid communication throughout the school. All visitors to Forest Lake must sign in and receive a visitor's pass before entering the building.

We know that you, the parent, want the best for your child, and we want to become your partner in your child's education. A Homework Hotline is available 24 hours a day. A lending library is available in the guidance office for all parents and contains a wide range of educational materials for use at home. "Step-Up Day" is a meeting for parents and prospective students. Monthly Family Nights will allow you to take an active role in our reading and technology programs. You can keep up with the latest Forest Lake news via our website. Our goal is excellence, and we do what it takes to achieve. Let us become your partner, and watch your Eagle soar!

--Kappy Cannon

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	96.9	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7	95.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	95.5	95.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Forest Lake Elementary
6801 Brookfield Rd.
Columbia, SC 29206

Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 592 Students

Principal

Dr. Kappy Cannon 803-782-0470

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Board Chair

Michael Montgomery 803-779-3500

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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